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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Ohio House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 50.

UC Health Air Care & Mobile Care has provided the Greater Cincinnati area with specialized medical transport services for patients in our community for over 35 years. Our program comprises a staff of 140 employees from diverse professional backgrounds and is the only provider in the region to provide four levels of care. In addition to providing air transport with emergency trained physicians or advanced practice nurses, and highly trained flight nurses on every flight, we offer 4 levels of ground transport: Mobile Intensive Care, Critical Care, Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support. We are also the only service in the region to be accredited in all four levels of medical transport by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems.

House Bill 50 seeks to update Ohio's current medical identification code to embrace advancements in technology that allow for efficient and expedient transfer of medical information between a patient and first responders. This legislation also expands the types of medical professionals that can access this information on an emergency call, further increasing access of important patient health information to medical professionals. By updating Ohio's medical identification law and expanding the provider types that can access this information, Ohio could realize greater health outcomes on emergency calls.

UC Health strongly supports House Bill 50 and respectfully requests the Ohio House Health Committee to favorably report this legislation. We are grateful for Representative Miranda's leadership on this important issue. Please contact me at any time if I can answer any questions.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason McMullan'.

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